



# The CWIP Newsletter



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## CWIP of the Quarter

Four times a year one CWIP volunteer is recognized for their contributions. This can be in the form of consistent daily reports, reports of severe weather or flooding, and other information that helps us fulfill our mission.

### 2001 CWIP of the Quarter recipients:

Rob Douglas	SHA400
John Senne	PHE101
Lawrence Katzfey	JAS400
Ed Trullinger	HOW101

*Congratulations and thank you all !!!*



## We need your help.

We currently have a core of nearly 100 CWIP volunteers that report on a regular basis from our 37 counties of responsibility. Of those 37, counties there are six that do not have a CWIP observer that reports on a consistent basis. The six counties are:

**In Kansas:** Bourbon and Cherokee.

**In Missouri:** Maries, McDonald, Miller and Vernon.

## Real time Severe Weather Reports

During severe weather, the National Weather Service issues watches and warnings for the protection of life and

property across the United States. We use the latest technologies, Doppler Radar, high powered computers and the best training to keep your community safe. The key to making sure all this expertise and equipment is used to its best ability is being able to gather real time or near real time information on what a storm is actually doing.

We currently have contacts such as sheriffs, police and fire departments in many location of our County Warning Area (CWA). Even with these contacts, we still don't receive all the information we need when severe weather is occurring. This is where the CWIP volunteer and even the general public comes into play.

For the National Weather Service to perform its mission of protecting life and property, information about the conditions of a storm are vital to our mission.

There are numerous ways you can relay any severe weather reports to us.

## Reporting severe weather:

- ✓ Use our phone number  
**1-800-762-4363**
- ✓ Use our AOL instant messenger account screen name **Contact**  
**SGF**
- ✓ Contact your local law enforcement office and they will relay your information to us.
- ✓ Send us an email, try  
[gene.hatch@noaa.gov](mailto:gene.hatch@noaa.gov) or  
[W-SGF.Webmaster@noaa.gov](mailto:W-SGF.Webmaster@noaa.gov)

We also would like to know if anyone is interested in allowing us to contact them during severe weather.



## READY, SET, SHOOT

Have you ever been watching a storm and seen something you thought was spectacular and picture worthy? Did you see a flooded road and snap a picture of it? How about a wild fire?

If you can say yes to any of these or just need a reason to take a few pictures of weather related subjects, here's your chance.

### **Announcing the CWIP Weather Photo contest!**

From April 1<sup>st</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup> snap a few photos of storms, floods, fires or other things that you think look cool. Send your photos to us at:

**Attn: CWIP Photo Contest  
National Weather Service  
Regional Airport  
5805 W. HWY. EE  
Springfield, MO. 65802-8400**



Your CWIP team members will look at all the photos you send in. The winners photo will be placed in the next CWIP newsletter and our web site. In addition, the winner will receive an official 4" National Weather Service rain gauge.

## **CWIP program updates**

The new CWIP page on the Springfield Weather Service web site should be up and running by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please have a look and let us now what you think. I hope it will be a place you can visit to get more information about the CWIP program and see how the information that you provide is used.

### **New CWIPer's**

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